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25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ] NFAC/FOIO  
25X1 FROM: [ ] CRD/OIS  
SUBJECT: DOD Request for Declassification (U)

1. The DOD Historian's Office has asked us to review for declassification a TS RD document published last March: "History of the Strategic Arms Competition 1945-1972." The DOD sanitization, by and large, was the removal of the classification markings top and bottom of each page. (U)

2. With some notable exceptions, sources and methods of collection and analysis are fairly well protected. However, a basic heartburn remains: much of the narrative is based on documentation still classified at the codeword level. 25X1

[ ] This is assuaged somewhat in the knowledge that (1) the material is dated - the most recent being about ten years old and (2) not all aspects of strategic weaponry is discussed; i.e., laser technology, particle beams, etc. (C)

25X1 3. I would appreciate receiving NFAC's views on the advisability of the release of this document and any further recommended sanitizations. I have paperclipped those areas of particular sensitivity. I have discussed this with [ ] of OSR/Strategic Evaluation who has been familiar with the DOD project since its inception. I would particularly appreciate their views as regards the costing data and the NIEs. OSWR might also want to look at some of the sections dealing with missile R&D, test range, and design bureau information. The DO has been given separately an abridged version of this paper so they can examine their equities. (C)

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